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From: John B. Barnes
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 8:54 AM
Subject: Local information on the radio/TV

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The promulgation of local information is essential to our way of life. Loss of locally controlled and disseminated information would drastically effect our commerce, safety, decision making, and comfort. Allowing a few big organizations to control access to local information would be an abrogation of your responsibilities as administrator of the public trust.

CC: Senator Specter, Congressman Shuster, Senator Santorum, Public Opinion Editorial Editor, John B. Barnes, ann barnes

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From: Josh Horowitz
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:56 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

hello,

I've heard a lot of talk in the news recently about a choice that the fcc will be making (or has already made) concerning ownership guidelines. I do not feel that it is in our country's best interest to allow media companies to own more of the market than they do now. Do you ever listen to the radio? because a few companies own most of the stations, everywhere you go, whatever station you tune into, it's all the same brand of corporate music. The same goes for television. Please at least allow some public debate on this matter, and LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC, not private companies.

Thank you,

Joshua Marc Horowitz

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From: karav@earthlink.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 9:55 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Mr Powell:

Federal Communications Commission
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As an American with respect for the constitution and for the idea of a free press, I implore you to release your proposal to the public (ie THE AMERICAN PEOPLE) or to delay the vote on the proposal, or simply not to allow a handful of companies tighten its grip on the marketplace.

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From: Kathy Foertsch
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:33 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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I cannot say it any better than Lynn Woolsey, see below. Too much concentration in the hands of a few is not the United States I grew up in and believe in. Do not pass a ruling that gives media giants more power.

MEDIA CONCENTRATION DAMAGES DEMOCRACY

Editor -- The nation recently defeated a foreign regime whose ability to oppress its people was based largely on control of information. How ironic, then, that we are seemingly on the brink of establishing a Saddam Hussein-style information system here in the United States.

On June 2, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on a new set of media ownership rules that would allow large conglomerates to devour more independent media outlets and impose the laws of the jungle on the marketplace of ideas.

A vibrant democracy depends on rich intellectual exchange, on the free flow of ideas from a variety of sources. This principle is embedded in the First Amendment's free press protection and reaffirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. But media consolidation stifles dissent and drowns out alternative voices, giving Americans a stale, uniform product that barely accounts for individual community values.

The proposed FCC rules would enrich moguls, discourage entrepreneurship and diminish quality. Niche content such as children's programming would suffer. Minority populations would be under served. Music and entertainment would become homogenized, with large media interests also acting as ideological censors (if you don't believe it, just ask the Dixie Chicks).

Like the rule itself, the rule-making process has been about silencing critics and ducking debate. FCC Chairman Michael Powell has put the rules on a sneaky fast-track, holding only one official hearing and giving his fellow commissioners only three weeks to review the final proposal. The media have been a sleepy watchdog, falling down on the job of scrutinizing this plan. But should we be surprised that the corporate media are reluctant to shine a critical light on a proposal from which they hope to profit?

The airwaves belong not to Rupert Murdoch, but to the American

people. They are placed in a trust whose guardian must have an allegiance to the public interest rather than to the bottom line. On June 2, we will find out if the FCC is serious about its guardianship, or if it will violate the trust.

Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY

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From: KBarbaralees@aol.com
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Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 11:05 AM
Subject: (no subject)

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Dear Sir: What makes you think the public wants all their news to come from one source? We have enough big business governing us now. Don't give more power to so few people. Barbara Kline

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From: Keith DeWald
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 9:25 AM
Subject: pending changes

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Mr. Powell,

I wish to protest the FCC changing rules controlling how much of a market-share one company or person can own.

The current news offerings are already far too monolithic, and the average US news consumer is much too underinformed by sources with suspect motives and financial incentives to 'spin' the news.

I know that representing interests of the average US citizen (rather than the interests of the current administration who depends heavily on influencing such 'spin') is not high on your list of action items, but since it is actually your duty I thought I would mention it.

Please don't let my lack of strong language mislead you to think I don't feel strongly about this issue.

-Keith DeWald

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From: Ken Bley
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 12:38 PM
Subject: Who is your employer?

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Commissioner Powell:

Are you employed by the American people or corporate titans? If you still remember it is the former, you will stop trying to sell our democracy for a highly paid position working for Rupert Murdoch. If the latter, you are not even reading this.

Ken Bley
Northfield, IL

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From: Kenneth Christenson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 4:22 PM
Subject: FCC

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FCC Chairman Michael Powell, who was appointed by President Bush, has said the rules need to be updated to reflect the explosion of news, information and entertainment outlets.

In fact the explosion of news is being govern by an active and ongoing conflict of interest. State and National law set it off when wrote laws concerning privileged information between doctor and patient or defendant and counsel. This though is not the way of our curious nature that is specifically designed to respond to mysteries. To eliminate this cuts off communication extensively. Then because of the conflict of interest end up trying to figure out again how to address the Fifth Amendment silent witness and the individual implied the Fourteen Amendment. Each time your organization has to deal with so called privileged information cut into our social network that has no place in the results of the Fifth Amendment that is represented by the results of the First Amendment that goes on. This leaves our curious nature with nothing to do except respond to what somebody else offered us.

It pathetic since they look for profit yet our curious nature cost us nothing yet offers a great deal yet subject to this because of some damned philosophy. Please do keep in mind that our naturally designed curious nature is not designed to speak yet in no way could it be represented as the guilt implied the Fifth Amendment. Our children whose curious nature is very active suffer enough because of this. We as adults have legal responsibilities to protect them from this but to deny one law (our responsibilities with our children) while rewriting privileged to a few companies to misinform people states to me that they should remain regulated. The First Amendment implied as the Fifth Amendment has caused many problems for this country morally through the individual implied the Fourteenth Amendment but in fact the explosion of news is being exploited because of this.

Because of this it should be represented through the constitution explained 'We the people... or it will continue with more social unrest for the ruination of this country democracy.

Regards,

Ken Christenson

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From: kevin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 11:05 PM
Subject: Take a moment to observe...Thank you. Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. Powell:

I know so little about the upcoming hearings and possible changes to our information landscape. You are our eyes and ears. You are a link in this chain of our humanity.

Please take a moment to carefully observe the true nature of your actions.

Thank you.

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From: Kevin Richards
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 12:09 AM
Subject: Enough!

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Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. Powell,

Your blatant disregard for the people of America and the shameful tactics you are willing to employ in your attempt to further homegenize American culture, while assuredly lining your own pockets, is disgraceful. Our army of civic virtuosos is going to put the crimp on your ANTI-AMERICAN agenda right quick. You will be exposed for the shallow lout that you are.

Sincerely
Kevin M. Richards
Patriot

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From: Kirk
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:49 PM
Subject: 500-700 TV stations Arab style

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You really think most Americans have cable or satellite with all the channels available? You are out of touch. Most do not.

I have cable and Sat. but 600 TV channels all with the same news talk viewpoint and corporate ties is not diversity or a democratic institution. Saddam and Hitler would be proud of what you're doing!

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From: KRASSNERMM@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:58 PM
Subject: (no subject)

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DEAR SIR; is your ridiculous email address meant to discourage contact. i am vehemently opposed to the actions contemplated by your commission. doing away with restrictions concerning the number of radio and tv stations owned by one entity. there is enough concentration in a small number of corporations. i hope you don't take it upon yourself to create a small number of monster companies.

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From: Linda Cosand
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:12 PM
Subject: Ducking your calls

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Mr. Powell:

However important your father is, both YOU and HE are public servants. You may not think you answer to anyone, but you are mistaken.

I'm writing about your ill-advised and reckless decision to give the airwaves over to Rupert Murdoch. I think that you have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the public interests, and not to sell out these interests. I am very concerned about the selling out of our airwaves, and I am adamantly against someone like Rupert Murdoch buying anything he wants.

I suggest, in the free time you claim by ducking your phone calls and not emptying your voice mail, that you read a wonderful book called Animal Farm by George Orwell. The rest of yours and your father's party has read it, along with your illustrious Vice President, Defence Secretary, and Attorney General (Pigs, all!). After you have finished reading it, see if it sounds anything like what is happening.

And by the way, if you don't want to do your job, which includes looking after the public's interests, and answering your phone, and taking phone messages, why don't you get the hell out of the position, preferably before the arbitrary date you have set with your reckless deadline!

You, sir, are a pig. Are you enjoying your trough?
Linda Cosand
Chicago, IL

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From: linda cameron
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 4:57 PM
Subject: Las Vegas

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Mr Powell

Please stop this complete corporate takeover of the public airways. We need you to do your job and represent the public and not BIG business. Please allow the public to speak and to participate in this democracy.

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen

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From: linda cameron
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 4:56 PM
Subject: Las Vegas

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From: Leslie Larsen
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:04 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Aloha Chairman Powell,

Please do not close the issue of the FCC deregulation without public debate. You are the only one who can ensure that we have a balanced media. It is vital. Thank you, Leslie Larsen, PO Box 638, Anahola, HI 96703, 808.823.9494

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From: Leitner, Brett
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:11 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Chairman Powell-

You still have the power to delay the rule change on media consolidation and allow time to have a democratic debate about its consequences. Please allow a real public debate on an issue of

such massive importance.

You don't want your legacy to be thought of in the same context of the robber barons of yesteryear, do you? Stop pandering to corporate interests and do your job to uphold freedoms of expression, thought and enterprise. Stop consolidating power in the hands of the few!! This new law is a destructive step backwards and will besmirch your name for future generations unless you allow public debate.

PLEASE DO WHAT'S RIGHT!! Let your conscience guide you, NOT MONEY AND POWER.

Sincerely,
Brett Leitner
New York, NY

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From: Leila
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:06 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Please reconsider your decision to allow a vote on media consolidation on Monday, June 2. There should be public debate on this issue, which affects all U.S. citizens. The current Congress does not represent all of those citizens, unfortunately. Neither, it seems, does the majority of the FCC.

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From: Leigh Kwiatek
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:07 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am requesting that you please delay the rule change on Media Consolidation and allow time for a democratic debate about its consequences - as they are far reaching.

I am also requesting that you release the actual language of the rule change. It is completely undemocratic to keep this information a secret. There is no valid reason to keep this from the public. It only serves to make the public suspicious as to the true agenda of the FCC, not to mention whose agenda. I should not feel lucky that I live close to the Canadian Border so that I may watch Canadian news to get unbiased reports on the United States.

Please, do not abuse the power of your office. Delay the rule change so that there may be a public debate.

Sincerely,
Leigh Kwiatek
201 East Main St
Springville, NY 14141

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From: LAWRENCE BOYD
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:17 PM
Subject: AGAINST THE FCC RULE CHANGES

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Dear Mr. Powell,

Our democracy depends on a diverse and competitive broadcast system. Please do not push through the rule changes that you have proposed.

Lawrence H. Boyd
2043 E.Libra Drive
Tempe, AZ 85283

From: Michael Sheehy
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:44 PM
Subject: (no subject)

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I tried to submit this comment on the appropriate web posting page. Strangely, your server seems to be having some difficulty with that section- there was an error when I tried to send my comment. I felt the need to send it to you personally because it is important.

I strongly disagree with deregulating or relaxing rules on media ownership. To do so is blatantly driven by corporate interests and directly against the majority of public opinion. Do not vote to deregulate and offer the public more opportunities to voice their opinion before making a ruling on the issue.

Sincerely,
Michael Sheehy

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From: Mckinneyhunter@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 4:54 AM
Subject: PS

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In short: Please protect us from unbridled greed. Work for us.

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From: Mary Coeli Meyer, Ph.D.
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:09 PM
Subject: Request

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Please put the notion of Media Consolidation up for debate. We already have enough problems trying to get accurate news and if we reduce the number of media owners to those who can buy up everything in site - there won't be much difference between the US and the Third Reich. Already we are getting news that has been adulterated, modified, sorted etc. If it weren't for the internet and the ability to read other languages, I would never get the whole story on Iraq, the Bush administration, the environment and a whole host of concerns to the American public.

Thank you

Mary Meyer